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FIELD CROP VALUES: New England's dry hay crop was valued at \$152 million in 2005, a slight increase from the previous year's value. Farmers received on average \$145 per ton for baled hay, an increase of 11 dollars per ton from a year earlier. The value of New England's corn silage crop totaled \$103 million in 2005, an increase of one percent from the previous year's value. Maine 2005 crop potato prices are expected to average \$8.00 per cwt statewide, up \$1.50 per cwt from 2004. Final potato price and value of sales estimates will be available in September 2006, after the 2005 crop is marketed. Preliminary price estimates placed the value of broadleaf tobacco in the Connecticut River Valley at \$24 million in 2005, 19 percent above the previous year's crop value due to increased in both pounds marketed and prices received.

POTATO STOCKS: Maine potato stocks on hand February 1, 2006 totaled 10.0 million cwt, ten percent below 2005's February 1 holdings. Disappearance to February 1 in the state totaled 5.7 million cwt, compared with 8.0 million cwt a year earlier. Storage accounted for 64 percent of Maine's total production, compared with the previous five-year average of 58 percent. Of the stocks on hand February 1 in Maine, 56 percent were russet varieties, 42 percent were round whites, one percent were reds, and one percent were long whites.

The 13 major potato states held 188 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2006, down seven percent from last year and six percent below February 1, 2004, for comparable states. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 50 percent of the 2005 fall storage States' production, unchanged from last year. Disappearance of 185 million cwt of potatoes is down six percent from last year for comparable States. Shrink and loss, at 18.1 million cwt so far this season, is down 17 percent from last year for comparable states. Processors in the nine major states have used 96.5 million cwt of potatoes this season, down four percent from a year ago and six percent below two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 19.5 million cwt of the total processing, down 11 percent from both last year and the same date in 2004.

ANNUAL CHICKENS: As of December 1, 2005, New England (excluding Rhode Island) had a total inventory of 10.0 million chickens, an increase of one percent from the previous year's inventory. The majority of inventory consisted of egg-laying hens (layers), accounting for 7.7 million birds, or 76.5 percent. Maine was the largest contributor to New England's chicken inventory, accounting for 55 percent of the total birds and 52 percent of layers. The total value of inventory of all chickens within the five states was placed at \$25.6 million in 2005, unchanged from 2004. These totals do not include chickens of meat-type strains (broilers) raised for commercial meat production.

CATTLE AND CALVES: New England's cattle and calf inventory on January 1, 2006 totaled 515,000 head, less than one percent

below the previous year's inventory. Calves born in New England, during 2005, totaled 231,400, three percent above 2004's calf crop. Price per head and value of inventory estimates will be published in the May **Agricultural Review**.

SHEEP AND GOATS: The New England sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2006 totaled 47,000 head, an increase of 1,500 head from a year earlier. Breeding stock totaled 40,500 head at the first of the year, a three percent increase from 2005. Nationally, sheep numbers increased two percent from the previous year. This is the first time that the US had two consecutive year to year increases since 1987 and 1988.

The New England goat and kids inventory on January 1, 2006 totaled 22,000 head, decreasing 600 head from the previous year. Milk goats totaled 11,400 head and continued to account for more than 50 percent of the New England goat total. Angora goats totaled 1,100 head, down 200 head from 2005. Meat and other goats totaled 9,500 head, a decrease of 500 head from the previous year. Nationally, Angora goats decreased one percent, whereas, both milk goats and meat and other goats increased, one and five percent, respectively.

ANNUAL MILK PRODUCTION: Milk production in New England during 2005 totaled just over 4.23 billion pounds a slight increase from 2004's output of 4.22 billion pounds. The average number of milk cows on New England farms totaled 230,000 head during 2005, a decrease of 3,200 cows from the previous year. Milk per cow increased from 18,081 pounds in 2004 to 18,394 pounds in 2005.

MEAT ANIMAL INVENTORY VALUES: Cattle, sheep and hog values per head and inventory values normally published at this time of the year will now be available in the report: **Meat Animal Production, Disposition, and Income – 2005 Summary**, scheduled to be released on the Internet on April 27, 2006 at <http://www.nass.usda.gov>. Selected statistics from this report will be reprinted in the May edition of the **Agricultural Review**.

FARM NUMBERS: The New England farm count for 2005 totaled 27,950 farms, a loss of 200 farms from a year earlier. New England land in farms, at 4.01 million acres in 2005, was unchanged from the 2004 farmland area total. An estimated 100 farms were lost from agriculture in both Vermont and Maine from a year earlier, however acreage devoted to farmland remained unchanged. Maine accounted for the most land in farms in the region in 2005 with 1.37 million acres, followed by Vermont with 1.25 million acres. The average size of a farm in New England was 143 acres in 2005, ranging from 71 acres per farm in the highly populated state of Rhode Island to 198 acres per farm in the dairy state of Vermont. New England farm operations with less than \$10,000 in sales totaled 18,540 farms in 2005, or 66 percent of all farms operating, a decrease of 200 farms from a year earlier.

FIELD CROPS: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2004 - 2005

Crops	Area Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production		Price per Unit		Value of Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Potatoes	1,000 Acres		Cwt		1,000 Cwt		Dollars per Cwt		1,000 Dollars	
Maine	61.5	56.2	310	280	19,065	15,736	6.50	8.00	123,923	125,888
Massachusetts	2.5	2.4	320	260	800	624	6.60	8.50	5,280	5,304
Rhode Island	0.5	0.5	290	210	145	105	7.65	8.60	1,109	903
New England	64.5	59.1	313	279	20,010	16,465	6.51	8.02	130,312	132,095
Oats for Grain			Bushels		1,000 Bushels		Dollars per Bushel		1,000 Dollars	
Maine	32	28	80	70	2,560	1,960	1.20	1.10	3,072	2,156
Barley for Grain										
Maine	22	22	60	60	1,320	1,320	1.58	1.55	2,086	2,046
Corn for Silage			Tons		1,000 Tons		Dollars per Ton		1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	27	26	21.5	20.0	602	520	29	31	17,458	16,120
Maine	25	24	19.5	18.5	488	444	29	29	14,152	12,876
Massachusetts	17	17	22.0	21.5	374	366	29	32	10,846	11,712
New Hampshire	14	14	21.0	20.5	294	287	30	31	8,820	8,897
Rhode Island	2	2	20.0	20.0	40	40	31	31	1,240	1,240
Vermont	90	90	19.5	20.5	1,755	1,845	28	28	49,140	51,660
New England	175	173	20.2	20.2	3,532	3,502	28	29	101,656	102,505
Dry Hay (Baled Hay)										
Alfalfa										
Connecticut	7	8	2.70	2.40	19	19	192	190	3,648	3,610
Maine	10	11	2.00	2.70	20	30	160	166	3,200	4,980
Massachusetts	13	14	2.40	2.20	31	31	185	180	5,735	5,580
New Hampshire	7	8	2.10	2.10	15	17	185	194	2,775	3,298
Rhode Island	2	2	2.30	3.00	5	6	188	185	940	1,110
Vermont	40	45	2.00	1.80	80	81	153	158	12,240	12,798
New England	79	88	2.15	2.09	170	184	168	171	28,538	31,376
Other Hay										
Connecticut	59	55	2.10	1.80	124	99	150	157	18,600	15,543
Maine	145	140	1.90	1.50	276	210	119	135	32,844	28,350
Massachusetts	75	75	2.00	2.10	150	158	145	152	21,750	24,016
New Hampshire	50	49	1.80	1.80	90	88	145	162	13,050	14,256
Rhode Island	7	7	2.20	2.00	15	14	149	156	2,235	2,184
Vermont	190	195	1.60	1.50	304	293	114	123	34,656	36,039
New England	526	521	1.82	1.65	959	862	128	140	123,135	120,388
All Hay										
Connecticut	66	63	2.17	1.87	143	118	156	162	22,248	19,153
Maine	155	151	1.91	1.59	296	240	122	139	36,044	33,330
Massachusetts	88	89	2.06	2.12	181	189	152	157	27,485	29,596
New Hampshire	57	57	1.84	1.84	105	105	151	167	15,825	17,554
Rhode Island	9	9	2.22	2.22	20	20	159	165	3,175	3,294
Vermont	230	240	1.67	1.56	384	374	122	131	46,896	48,837
New England	605	609	1.87	1.72	1,129	1,046	134	145	151,673	151,764
All Haylage and Greenchop ^{1/}										
Vermont	215	205	6.67	6.28	1,433	1,287	-	-	-	-
Alfalfa Haylage and Greenchop ^{2/}										
Vermont	70	70	7.00	7.00	490	490	-	-	-	-
Tobacco	Acres		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Dollars per Pound		1,000 Dollars	
Broadleaf (Type 51)										
Connecticut	1,500	1,500	1,530	1,750	2,295	2,625	5.25	5.85	12,049	15,356
Massachusetts	920	900	1,600	1,600	1,472	1,440	5.40	5.85	7,949	8,424
CT and MA Total	2,420	2,400	1,557	1,694	3,767	4,065	5.31	5.85	19,998	23,780
Shade (Type 61) ^{3/}										
Connecticut	860	930	1,650	1,550	1,419	1,442	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	320	300	1,550	1,200	496	360	-	-	-	-
CT and MA Total	1,180	1,230	1,623	1,465	1,915	1,802	25.30	-	48,450	-

^{1/} Includes all types of forage harvested as haylage or greenchop (green weight). Forage harvested as dry hay and corn and sorghum silage/greenchop are not included.

^{2/} Includes only alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures that were harvested as haylage or greenchop (green weight). Alfalfa harvested as dry hay is not included

^{3/} CT and MA 2004 shade tobacco price and value combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations. The 2005 CT and MA shade tobacco price will be published in February, 2007.

SOURCES: **Crop Production - Annual Summary**, 8:30 a.m., January 12, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Crop Values 3:00 p.m., February 15, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

FALL POTATOES: Production and February 1 Stocks, 2005 - 2006 ^{1/}

State	2004 Crop			2005 Crop		
	Production	Stocks February 1, 2005 ^{2/}	Stocks as Percentage of Production	Production	Stocks February 1, 2006	Stocks as Percentage of Production
	1,000 Cwt		Percent	1,000 Cwt		Percent
California	3,648	1,800	49	3,240	1,100	34
Colorado	23,791	13,700	58	22,292	11,900	53
Idaho	131,970	75,000	57	116,975	65,000	56
Maine	19,065	11,100	58	15,736	10,000	64
Michigan	13,650	4,800	35	13,920	5,100	37
Minnesota	18,920	10,200	54	17,630	9,000	51
Montana	3,551	3,350	94	3,434	3,300	96
Nebraska	9,288			8,245	4,000	49
New York	5,184	1,200	23	5,226	1,700	33
North Dakota	26,765	15,300	57	20,500	9,000	44
Ohio ^{3/}	1,080					
Oregon	19,775	11,800	60	22,023	14,500	66
Pennsylvania ^{3/}	2,640	900	34			
Washington	93,810	36,500	39	95,480	40,000	42
Wisconsin	30,450	13,600	45	27,880	13,000	47
Other States		4,240				
15 STATES ^{4/}	403,587	203,490	50	372,581	187,600	50

^{1/} Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2005 totaled 24.7 million cwt.

^{2/} Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

^{3/} Stocks estimates discontinued in 2005.

^{4/} 13 states for the 2005 crop.

SOURCE: **Potato Stocks**, 3:00 p.m., February 15, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

POTATOES: Shrinkage and Loss, 15 Fall Storage States, 2002 - 2005

Crop Year	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	To Jun 1	Season
	Million Cwt							
2002	15.5	18.2	20.5	22.4	24.2	25.8	27.2	29.0
2003	15.0	17.4	20.5	22.6	25.4	27.5	29.9	33.0
2004	15.5	19.1	22.0	24.8	27.3	29.7	32.5	35.4
2005 ^{1/}	13.9	16.2	18.1					

^{1/} 13 fall storage states.

SOURCE: **Potato Stocks**, 3:00 p.m., February 15, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MAINE POTATOES: Prices Received, 2000 - 2005 Crop Years

Crop Year	Prices Received ^{1/} by Farmers for Potatoes, Monthly and Marketing Year Average											
	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	Market Year Average
	Dollars Per Cwt											
2000	5.80	5.45	5.50	5.55	5.60	5.50	5.90	6.20	6.80	7.30	7.00	6.15
2001	6.20	5.70	6.05	6.65	7.50	7.75	8.30	8.65	9.45	8.05	7.80	7.65
2002	5.75	5.45	5.60	6.65	6.95	7.10	7.10	7.45	8.10	8.15	7.40	7.05
2003	6.00	5.25	5.45	5.85	5.70	5.80	5.70	6.10	6.30	6.75	7.05	6.05
2004	5.90	5.15	5.65	6.15	6.35	5.90	6.55	6.60	6.95	7.30	7.40	6.50
2005 ^{3/}	2/	5.90	6.25	7.45	8.15	8.20	8.40					

^{1/} Average price of potatoes sold for fresh market, processing, seed, and feed.

^{2/} Missing data indicates too few potatoes being marketed to set price.

^{3/} Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.

SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

FARMS ^{1/}: Number, Size and Land in Farms, 2004 - 2005

State	Farms		Average Size of Farm		Land in Farms	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Number		Acres		1,000 Acres	
Connecticut	4,200	4,200	86	86	360	360
Maine	7,200	7,100	190	193	1,370	1,370
Massachusetts	6,100	6,100	85	85	520	520
New Hampshire	3,400	3,400	132	132	450	450
Rhode Island	850	850	71	71	60	60
Vermont	6,400	6,300	195	198	1,250	1,250
New England	28,150	27,950	142	143	4,010	4,010
United States	2,112,970	2,100,990	443	444	936,295	933,400

^{1/} A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

SOURCE: **Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations - 2005 Summary**, 3:00 p.m., January 31, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ANNUAL CATTLE: Total Inventory and Inventory by Class, January 1, 2006

State	All Cattle and Calves	Cows That Have Calved		Heifers 500 lbs and Over			Steers 500 lbs and Over	Bulls 500 lbs and Over	Calves Under 500 lbs
				Replacements		Other			
		Beef	Milk	Beef	Milk				
		1,000 Head							
Connecticut	52.0	5.0	20.0	1.5	11.0	0.5	2.0	1.0	11.0
Maine	92.0	12.0	32.0	4.0	18.0	2.0	4.0	1.5	18.5
Massachusetts	47.0	8.0	16.0	2.0	8.5	0.5	2.0	1.0	9.0
New Hampshire	39.0	4.0	16.0	1.5	8.5	0.5	1.5	0.5	6.5
Rhode Island	5.0	1.5	1.0	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.8
Vermont	280.0	10.0	143.0	5.0	61.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	50.0
New England	515.0	40.5	228.0	14.3	107.7	7.6	14.0	7.1	95.8
United States	97,101.5	33,253.0	9,058.4	5,904.5	4,278.0	9,795.4	16,923.1	2,262.8	15,626.3

SOURCE: **Cattle**, 3:00 p.m., January 28, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.ANNUAL CATTLE: Total Inventory and Value ^{1/}, January 1, 2005 - 2006 and Calf Crop, 2004 - 2005

State	All Cattle and Calves		Value per Head		Value of Inventory		Calf Crop	
	Jan 1, 2005	Jan 1, 2006	Jan 1, 2005	Jan 1, 2006	Jan 1, 2005	Jan 1, 2006	2004	2005
	1,000 Head		Dollars		1,000 Dollars		1,000 Head	
Connecticut	56.0	52.0	1,070	1/	59,920	1/	23.0	21.0
Maine	92.0	92.0	1,100	1/	101,200	1/	38.0	37.0
Massachusetts	48.0	47.0	1,100	1/	52,800	1/	19.0	18.0
New Hampshire	40.0	39.0	1,170	1/	46,800	1/	18.0	18.0
Rhode Island	5.5	5.0	1,010	1/	5,555	1/	2.5	2.4
Vermont	275.0	280.0	1,300	1/	357,500	1/	125.0	135.0
New England	516.5	515.0	1,208	1/	623,775	1/	225.5	231.4
United States	95,438.0	97,101.5	916	1/	87,820,795	1/	37,505.4	37,780.1

^{1/} Values Available on April 27, 2006 in the **Meat Animals, Production, Disposition and Income 2005 Summary**SOURCE: **Cattle**, 3:00 p.m., January 28, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.**Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ANNUAL SHEEP AND LAMBS: Inventory by Class, Total Inventory, January 1, 2005 - 2006

State	Breeding Sheep and Lambs						Market Sheep and Lambs		All Sheep and Lambs	
	Breeding Sheep 1 Year Old and Older				Replacement Lambs					
	Ewes		Rams							
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Head									
Connecticut	3.0	3.0	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.6	5.0	4.8
Maine	4.6	5.2	0.4	0.4	1.2	1.2	0.8	1.1	7.0	7.9
Massachusetts	6.5	6.1	0.6	0.6	1.7	1.2	1.4	1.4	10.2	9.3
New Hampshire	4.9	4.8	0.5	0.4	1.6	1.5	0.6	0.5	7.6	7.2
Rhode Island	0.8	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.2	1.3
Vermont	9.2	10.6	0.7	0.7	2.0	2.5	2.6	2.7	14.5	16.5
New England	29.0	30.5	2.5	2.5	7.5	7.5	6.5	6.5	45.5	47.0
United States	3,572.5	3,657.0	190.0	196.0	770.5	786.0	1,602.0	1,591.0	6,135.0	6,230.0

SOURCE: **Sheep and Goats**, 3:00 p.m., January 27, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ANNUAL SHEEP AND LAMBS: Lamb Crop, 2004 - 2005

State	Breeding Ewes 1 Year and Older on Jan 1		Lambs per 100 Ewes 1 Year and Older on Jan 1		Lambs Born	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head		Head		1,000 Head	
Connecticut	3.1	3.0	119	90	3.7	2.7
Maine	5.3	4.6	108	122	5.7	5.6
Massachusetts	5.5	6.5	136	131	7.5	8.5
New Hampshire	4.7	4.9	123	120	5.8	5.9
Rhode Island	0.7	0.8	114	100	0.8	0.8
Vermont	8.7	9.2	132	136	11.5	12.5
New England	28.0	29.0	125	124	35.0	36.0
United States	3,609.5	3,572.5	113	115	4,096.0	4,125.0

SOURCE: **Sheep and Goats**, 3:00 p.m., January 27, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ANNUAL GOATS: Inventory by Class and Total Inventory, January 1, 2005 – 2006

State	Angora Goats		Milk Goats		Meat and Other Goats		All Goats	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Head							
New England ^{1/}	1,300	1,100	11,300	11,400	10,000	9,500	22,600	22,000
New York	2/	1,000	13,000	12,800	19,000	20,000	2/	33,800
Pennsylvania	2/	2/	11,000	10,200	35,200	37,000	2/	2/
United States	280,000	278,000	285,000	288,000	2,150,000	2,260,000	2,715,000	2,826,000

^{1/} New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.^{2/} Individual state values unavailable for 2005 and 2006.SOURCE: *Sheep and Goats*, 3:00 p.m., January 27, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.LIVESTOCK: Number of Operations ^{1/}, 2004 - 2005

State	Cattle and Calf Operations		Beef Cow Operations ^{2/}		Milk Cow Operations ^{2/}		Licensed Dairy Herds ^{3/}		Hog and Pig Operations		Sheep and Lambs Operations ^{4/}	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Number											
Connecticut	1,000	1,100	700	770	250	230	180	170	180	200	-	-
Maine	1,700	1,700	1,000	1,000	500	470	390	370	350	370	-	-
Massachusetts	1,100	1,100	700	750	270	250	220	200	250	270	-	-
New Hampshire	800	850	500	530	210	200	140	140	250	270	-	-
Rhode Island	220	220	160	150	30	30	20	20	60	60	-	-
Vermont	2,500	2,500	1,000	1,000	1,300	1,300	1,280	1,230	250	250	-	-
New England	7,320	7,470	4,060	4,200	2,560	2,480	2,230	2,130	1,340	1,420	1,900	2,000
United States	989,460	982,510	774,930	770,170	81,520	78,295	66,825	64,555	69,500	67,330	67,580	68,280

^{1/} An operation is any place having one or more head of specified livestock on hand at any time during the year.^{2/} Included in operations with cattle.^{3/} The average number of dairy farms licensed to sell milk, based on counts collected from state and other regulatory agencies.^{4/} Number of Sheep and Lamb Operations by state is unavailable.SOURCE: *Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations 2005 Summary*, 2:00 p.m., January 31, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA*Milk Production*, 3:00 p.m., February 17, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

VERMONT MILK: Prices Received, 2001 - 2006

Year	Prices Received ^{1/} by Farmers for Milk Sold												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
	Dollars per Cwt												
2001	13.70	14.30	15.00	15.40	16.20	16.80	17.00	17.30	17.90	16.40	15.80	14.10	15.80
2002	14.20	13.80	13.30	13.10	12.70	12.10	11.60	11.70	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.40	12.70
2003	12.30	11.90	11.50	11.40	11.50	11.50	12.10	13.40	15.00	15.80	15.50	14.80	13.00
2004	14.00	14.40	16.20	17.80	20.10	19.80	17.60	15.50	16.30	16.60	17.00	17.20	16.90
2005	16.70	15.80	16.40	15.80	15.50	15.10	15.80	15.70	16.10	16.50	16.10	15.50	3/
2006 ^{2/}	15.30												

^{1/} Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.^{2/} Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.^{3/} 2005 Annual average will be available in April 2006.SOURCE: *Agricultural Prices*, 3:00 p.m., January 31, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, January 2006 with Comparisons

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}			Production per Cow			Production		
	Jan 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Jan 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Jan 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006
	1,000 Head			Pounds			Million Pounds		
Vermont	143	143	143	1,560	1,535	1,580	223	220	226
New York	650	650	651	1,535	1,545	1,595	998	1,004	1,038
Pennsylvania	564	557	557	1,540	1,580	1,650	869	880	919
United States ^{2/}	8,087	8,179	8,190	1,643	1,663	1,711	13,287	13,599	14,011

^{1/} Average number for month, including dry cows.^{2/} United States includes 23 major States: AZ, CA, CO, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA, and WI.SOURCE: *Milk Production*, 3:00 p.m., February 17, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, 2004 - 2005

State and Month	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Production per Cow		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Connecticut						
January - March	21	20	4,850	4,930	102	99
April - June	20	20	4,980	5,030	100	101
July - September	20	20	4,730	4,620	95	92
October - December	20	20	4,770	4,620	95	92
Annual	20	20	19,600	19,200	392	384
Maine						
January - March	34	33	4,450	4,460	151	147
April - June	34	33	4,610	4,690	157	155
July - September	34	33	4,580	4,570	156	151
October - December	33	32	4,490	4,450	148	142
Annual	34	33	18,000	18,030	612	595
Massachusetts						
January - March	17	17	4,380	4,320	74	73
April - June	17	17	4,490	4,490	76	76
July - September	17	16	4,320	4,470	73	72
October - December	17	16	4,270	4,340	73	69
Annual	17	17	17,412	17,059	296	290
New Hampshire						
January - March	16	16	4,790	4,710	77	75
April - June	16	16	4,850	4,910	78	79
July - September	16	16	4,600	4,650	74	74
October - December	16	16	4,620	4,650	74	74
Annual	16	16	18,938	18,875	303	302
Rhode Island						
January - March	1.2	1.0	4,300	4,550	5.2	4.6
April - June	1.2	1.0	4,370	4,950	5.2	5.0
July - September	1.1	1.1	4,230	4,300	4.7	4.7
October - December	1.1	1.0	4,130	4,350	4.5	4.4
Annual	1.2	1.0	16,333	18,700	19.6	18.7
Vermont						
January - March	146	143	4,479	4,580	654	655
April - June	145	144	4,572	4,778	663	688
July - September	145	143	4,448	4,587	645	656
October - December	144	142	4,389	4,521	632	642
Annual	145	143	17,890	18,469	2,594	2,641
Vermont						
January	146	143	1,515	1,560	221	223
February	146	143	1,445	1,430	211	204
March	145	143	1,530	1,595	222	228
April	145	144	1,500	1,570	218	226
May	145	144	1,570	1,650	228	238
June	145	143	1,495	1,565	217	224
July	145	143	1,525	1,565	221	224
August	145	143	1,495	1,550	217	222
September	145	142	1,430	1,480	207	210
October	145	142	1,455	1,505	211	214
November	144	142	1,415	1,465	204	208
December	143	143	1,515	1,535	217	220
Annual	145	143	17,890	18,469	2,594	2,641
New England						
January - March	235.2	230.0	4,520	4,581	1,063.2	1,053.6
April - June	233.2	231.0	4,628	4,779	1,079.2	1,104.0
July - September	233.1	229.1	4,495	4,582	1,047.7	1,049.7
October - December	231.1	227.0	4,442	4,508	1,026.5	1,023.4
Annual	233.2	230.0	18,081	18,394	4,216.6	4,230.7
United States, Annual						
	9,012	9,041	18,967	19,576	170,934	176,989

^{1/}Average number, including dry cows.SOURCE: *Milk Production*, 3:00 p.m., February 17, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY CHICKENS: Layers and Egg Production, January, 2005 - 2006

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks of 30,000 And Above		All layers ^{1/}		Eggs Per 100 for All layers ^{1/}		Egg Production from All Layers ^{1/}	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Birds				Number		Million Eggs	
Connecticut	2,889	2,904	2,952	2,958	2,439	2,299	72	68
Maine	3,923	3,963	3,980	4,034	2,211	2,305	88	93
United States	282,760	285,026	347,864	349,253	2,192	2,211	7,626	7,721

^{1/} Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.SOURCE: *Chickens and Eggs*, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.ANNUAL CHICKENS: ^{1/} Inventory by Class and Total Inventory, December 1, 2005

State	Total Layers		Total Pullets		Other Chickens		All Chickens	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Birds							
Connecticut	2,954	3,058	667	683	5	7	3,626	3,748
Maine	3,984	4,027	1,515	1,519	5	5	5,504	5,551
Massachusetts	253	242	45	54	0	0	307	296
New Hampshire	162	149	72	65	2	2	236	216
Vermont	198	212	25	25	2	1	225	238
New England ^{2/}	7,551	7,688	2,333	2,346	14	15	9,898	10,049
United States	343,922	347,917	101,429	96,610	8,248	8,289	453,599	452,816

^{1/} Excludes Commercial Broilers.^{2/} New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, and VT.SOURCE: *Chickens and Eggs - Annual Summary*, 3:00 p.m., February 27, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.ANNUAL CHICKENS: ^{1/} Inventory and Value, December 1, 2004 - 2005

State	All Chickens		Value Per Bird		Value of Inventory	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Birds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	3,626	3,748	2.60	2.60	9,428	9,745
Maine	5,504	5,551	2.50	2.40	13,760	13,322
Massachusetts	307	296	3.20	3.20	982	947
New Hampshire	236	216	4.40	5.40	1,038	1,166
Vermont	225	238	1.90	1.90	428	452
New England ^{2/}	9,898	10,049	2.59	2.55	25,636	25,632
United States	453,599	452,816	2.48	2.50	1,122,923	1,133,558

^{1/} Excludes commercial Broilers.^{2/} New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, and VT.SOURCE: *Chickens and Eggs - Annual Summary*, 3:00 p.m., February 27, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.ANNUAL ^{1/} LAYERS AND EGGS: ^{2/} Average Number of Layers and Eggs Produced, 2004 - 2005

State	Average Number of Layers		Eggs per Layer ^{3/}		Total Egg Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Birds		Number		Million Eggs	
Connecticut	28,563	3,026	287	280	818	846
Maine	4,147	4,138	279	248	1,156	1,025
Massachusetts	264	254	284	280	75	71
New Hampshire	155	155	271	252	42	39
Vermont	203	198	271	253	55	50
New England ^{4/}	7,622	7,771	282	361	2,146	2,031
United States	341,956	343,501	261	262	89,091	89,960

^{1/} Annual Estimates cover the period December 1, previous year through November 30, current year.^{2/} Includes all Layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.^{3/} Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand.^{4/} New England Includes CT, ME, MA, NH, and VT.SOURCE: *Chickens and Eggs - Annual Summary*, 3:00 p.m., February 27, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.QUARTERLY FARM LABOR: Wage rates for Hired Workers Northeast and United States, January 2006 with Comparisons ^{1/}

Northeast ^{2/}	Jan 9 - 15, 2005	Oct 9 - 15, 2005	Jan 8 - 14, 2006	United States ^{3/}	Jan 9 - 15, 2005	Oct 9 - 15, 2005	Jan 8 - 14, 2006
	Dollars per Hour				Dollars per Hour		
All Hired Workers ^{4/}	10.37	10.19	11.04	All Hired Workers ^{4/}	9.78	9.61	10.11
Field	9.47	9.42	10.42	Field	8.71	8.90	9.15
Livestock	9.17	9.42	8.80	Livestock	9.20	9.15	9.25
Field and Livestock	9.32	9.42	9.56	Field and Livestock	8.90	8.96	9.19

^{1/} Farm labor excludes agricultural service workers.^{2/} Northeast includes CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, and VT.^{3/} United States Excludes Alaska.^{4/} Hired workers include field livestock, supervisory and other workers.SOURCE: *Farm Labor*, 3:00 p.m., February 17, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**QUARTERLY FARM LABOR: Hired Workers on Farms and Hours Worked per Week,
Northeast and United States, January 2006 with Comparisons ^{1/}**

Region	Hired Workers on Farms			Hours Worked During the week		
	Jan 9 - 15, 2005	Oct 9 - 15, 2005	Jan 8 - 14, 2006	Jan 9 - 15, 2005	Oct 9 - 15, 2005	Jan 8 - 14, 2006
	1,000 Workers			Hours per Week		
Northeast ^{2/}	23	38	23	36.6	40.1	38.1
United States ^{3/}	589	842	616	37.0	42.0	38.2

^{1/} Farm Labor excludes agricultural service workers; hired workers include field, livestock, supervisory, and other workers.

^{2/} Northeast includes CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, and VT.

^{3/} United States excludes Alaska.

SOURCE: **Farm Labor**, 3:00 p.m., February 17, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY DAIRY PRODUCTS: New England Production, December 2005 with Comparisons

Product	December 2004	November 2005	December 2005	December 2005 as percent of:	
				December 2004	November 2005
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
Butter	3,441	2,066	2,523	73	122
American Type Cheese ^{1/}	5,265	5,661	5,413	103	96
Mozzarella Cheese	5,022	4,264	2,822	56	66
Other Italian Cheese ^{2/}	815	1,287	1,790	220	139
Cottage Cheese ^{3/}	510	512	468	92	91
	1,000 Gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream, Hard	6,165	7,305	7,099	115	97
Low Fat Ice Cream, Hard	580	1,001	772	133	77
Milk Sherbet, Hard	174	181	126	72	70

^{1/} American Type Cheese includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.

^{2/} Includes all Italian cheese except Mozzarella.

^{3/} Creamed and low fat.

SOURCE: **NATIONAL PRODUCTION: Dairy Products**, 3:00 p.m., February 3, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

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